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WELCOMING LODDERS



As our players run out at the Nick Newbold Stadium and at Champ Rugby clubs across the country this season, you'll have noticed a fresh name across the front of their shirts. Lodders, who have worked alongside us in recent seasons as our commercial legal partner, have stepped up to become Coventry Rugby's Principal Partner for 2026/27.

It is a partnership that has grown naturally. Over the past few seasons we have come to know the Lodders team well, and what began as a professional working relationship has developed into something built on genuine shared values: community, professionalism and ambition. Alongside their new role, Lodders will continue as our commercial legal partner, supporting the clubs development off the pitch and around the grounds.

Lodders is an award-winning law firm with a history stretching back more than 240 years. Over that time it has advised families, landowners, entrepreneurs and businesses across the UK and internationally, with many client relationships spanning generations. Community sits at the heart of the firm too, and the combination of expertise and care is a big part of why this partnership feels like such a good fit.

Matt Cannon, Chief Operating Officer at Coventry Rugby, said: "We're excited to be extending our partnership with Lodders as they step up to become our Principal Partner. It gives us the chance to really get to know all divisions of their business, not just the people we've worked with day-to-day, but the wider team across the firm. As main partners to our business club, we're also looking forward to Lodders being part of the wider Coventry Rugby community, both on matchdays and beyond."

Paul Mourton, Managing Partner at Lodders, said: "We are delighted to extend our partnership with Coventry Rugby. The team were very impressive last season, narrowly missing out on a place in the Champ Rugby final. Coventry Rugby is an exciting place to be right now, with new talent joining the club and an impressive intake into the Academy, and we look forward to supporting them in what promises to be another successful season ahead."

It was a great feeling for both the Club and Lodders to see their logo as we ran out at Nick Newbold Stadium in our statement victory against Cornish Pirates. Lodders will be an integral part of many successful matchdays to come this season.



TIKI RUNNING OUT IN OUR NEW HOME SHIRT WITH LODDERS FRONT AND CENTRE



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COVENTRY RUGBY NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2026



DAN GREEN AND DAFYDD-RHYS TIUETI CELEBRATE ONE OF ELEVEN TRIES SCORED AGAINST CORNISH PIRATES

Two games in, and players, staff and supporters alike have already been reminded of the unique flavour of Elinor Champ Rugby. A nail-biting and ultimately disappointing trip up north to newly promoted Rotherham Titans was put right by a far more satisfying result against Cornish Pirates at home. Welcome back.

The first fixture of the 26/27 season, away to a side who had run rampant just months earlier in the gritty and highly competitive National League 1, raised some real questions about how the squad would fare. Conditions were fair, with travelling supporters happy to dodge the patchwork of rain rolling across the north of England. On arrival at Clifton Lane, there was a real sense of excitement and curiosity about what lay in store.

Sporting our new sky blue away strip, the lads started with confidence and struck first through a characteristically weaving run from Tom Bacon. An almost instant response from Rotherham was a stark reminder of the quality of opposition we were facing. A Rotherham yellow card was capitalised on for a second try, this time through Maunder.

Not long after, though, our fullback was shown a yellow of his own. With Bacon leaving the field, what felt like the moment to keep the scoreboard ticking seemed to slip away slightly.

It was a messy affair, with periods of high-quality phase play undone by handling errors and mistakes. Rotherham made the most of these hiccups and kept themselves firmly in the contest, despite Coventry carrying an unbroken lead into the last ten minutes.

The home side were able to rally, building momentum through a flurry of quick tries to take the lead into the closing stages of the game. Credit must go to them for their dogged persistence and eventual ability to turn the tide.

It was almost dreamland for Coventry fans as we celebrated a swan-diving Dan Green in the dying moments. Unfortunately, it was disallowed for a forward pass, and although we got the ball back for one last crack, Rotherham held firm and took the spoils, leaving Coventry with just a single bonus point. The match ended at an agonisingly close 38-35 in Rotherham's favour.

Despite the full-time score and the obvious disappointment within the Coventry camp, drawing too many conclusions from our first eighty minutes of the season would have been naive, and so the team headed home with all eyes on our return to home turf.

Anyone who experienced the atmosphere on New Year's Day knew what to expect going into our match-up with Cornish Pirates. Consistently well drilled, highly physical and fiercely proud of their identity, the Pirates are always a threat. With only one league game in the bank, it very much felt like a 'wait and see' sort of fixture from an onlooker's perspective. In the dressing room, though, there was no question about how this one would go. Coventry were ready to fly.

The Pirates started well, scoring first and leaving a lump in the throats of those watching on at the Nick Newbold Stadium. It was Tom Bacon again who got Coventry off the mark. He was followed by Poole, who scored off the back of an excellent maul platform, and then by McNab, whose first league game for Coventry saw him crash over on the end of a superbly weighted cross-field kick from Mathews.

The place was rocking, and with spirits high, Bavadra joined the party in his usual fashion. Slipping past a good five or six defenders, he barrelled over the line, grinning the whole way. Coventry were on a roll, and soon added yet another unanswered try, this time from Strong, again off the back of a maul.

The Pirates threw some punches of their own as the half went on, scoring twice in quick succession to cut the deficit

to just seven and remind Coventry that this contest was very much still up for grabs. Going into the changing rooms, it was 33-26. Not quite the comfortable scoreline Coventry had hoped for.

The first try of the second half felt vitally important to keep things moving in Coventry's favour. Skipper Jordon Poole took care of that, and with another conversion from Houston, we hit 40 points.

The afterburners were firing again, with Reeves, Barton, Green and Opoku-Fordjour, on loan from Sale Sharks, adding to our tally. Along with a handful of conversions from Houston, that took us to 66-26. The Pirates again refused to lie down and scored two more tries, but this time it felt like too little, too late. Jack Reeves put the icing on the cake with Coventry's 11th and final try of the afternoon, and the game ended a staggering 73-40.

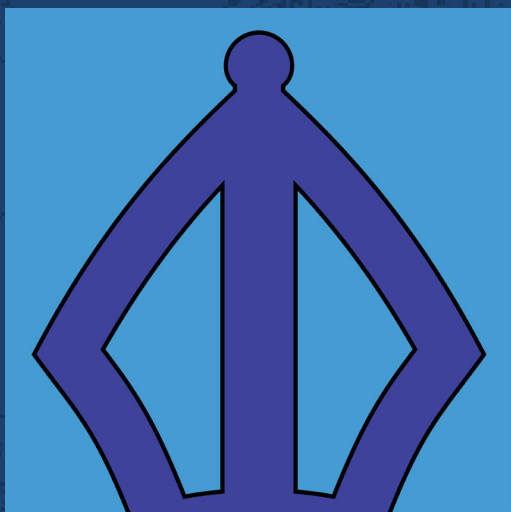
All smiles at full time, the lads were greeted by a thoroughly entertained Coventry crowd. With plenty of positives, but also a stern reminder of some defensive work-ons, we now look ahead to the Matt Gallagher Cup. A favourite fixture of the club and supporters alike, Friday Night Lights in Nottingham awaits. With the cup in Nottingham's hands, and our last five match-ups with the Archers being won by the home side, we look to break the home advantage and win at the Lady Bay.

What's certain is that this season is unlikely to be boring. Sit tight and enjoy the show, everybody.



LEFT: THE POST-PIRATES VICTORY HUDDLE AT NICK NEWBOLD STADIUM RIGHT: TOP POINTS SCORER BRUCE HOUSTON SCORING AWAY IN ROTHERHAM

STRESS



ROTHERHAM TITANS

19/09/26

AWAY

38-35 (L)

CORNISH PIRATES

26/09/26

HOME

73-40 (W)

FIXTURE LIST

OCTOBER

2ND - NOTTINGHAM - AWAY
9TH - BLACKHEATH - HOME
17TH - DONCASTER - AWAY
31ST - AMPHILL - HOME

JANUARY

23RD - BEDFORD BLUES - HOME

NOVEMBER

7TH - CALDY - AWAY
21ST - EALING TRAILFINDERS - AWAY
15TH - WORCESTER WARRIORS - HOME

DECEMBER

5TH - BEDFORD BLUES - AWAY
13TH - CHINNOR - HOME
19TH - RICHMOND - AWAY
26TH - HARTPURY - HOME



Remaining fixtures are yet to be confirmed. details will be released in due course.

Building a lasting legacy: CTT Group's Support for Berry Mews



For anyone recovering from mental ill health, a safe and stable place to call home can make all the difference. That is the idea behind Berry Mews, a new development from Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Mind, and one of our valued sponsors, CTT Group, is proud to be playing its part.

Berry Mews will provide 26 supported living homes where adults on their mental health recovery journey can stay for up to two years, with the independence of a home of their own and the support they need to plan for the future. CTT's Private Client Team is sponsoring Suite 21, which will provide practical help for people experiencing mental health difficulties.

This year the CTT team has been fundraising in memory of their colleague and friend, Tim Whitehouse. "Following the loss of our colleague and friend, Tim Whitehouse, we made a commitment to create a positive and lasting legacy in his memory," said Lucy Miles, Practice Manager at CTT Private Client. "That commitment has brought our team together to raise awareness of mental health and help fund initiatives that can provide real and meaningful support to those who need it most."

Bob Massey, Founding Director of CTT Group, added: "Berry Mews is an amazing initiative that will change lives, and we are proud to play even a small part in helping individuals find stability and hope for the future."

With charity as a constant focus, the team has put the miles in. The Partnership Team climbed Snowdon, with one member finishing despite a broken leg, while the Private Client Team took on the National Three Peaks Challenge and a 90ft abseil down Coventry Cathedral. Toby, one of the CTT team, completed four triathlons across four distances, and an Easter fundraiser and company garden party added to a total that now stands at more than £20,000.

All this hard work has been duly recognised too. CTT Private Client is shortlisted for Community and Charity Champions at the British Wills and Probate Awards 2026, as well as Estate Planning Firm of the Year (Boutique), with the winners announced on 8 October.

We are so proud to count CTT Group among the businesses who support Coventry Rugby, and prouder still to see the difference they are making beyond the game. We wish the whole team the very best of luck on awards night!

Anyone who would like to support CTT's fundraising can donate at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/ctt-group-3>

The CTT Private Client logo is shown in a white circle. To the right is a photograph of the Berry Mews building, a modern multi-story structure with large windows and a balcony.

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mind Coventry, Warwickshire and Worcestershire

TOM BROMWICH

COVENTRY RUGBY DIRECTOR

For the past five years, Tom Bromwich has been a familiar face around the Nick Newbold Stadium. Through his firm, Bromwich Hardy, he has backed the club as a sponsor and watched it grow. Now he will help shape where it goes next, as we are delighted to welcome Tom to the board as a director of Coventry Rugby.

Tom is managing partner of Bromwich Hardy, the Coventry-based commercial property agents, and is well respected across the Midlands business community. His role will focus on strengthening the club's commercial presence across Warwickshire and the wider region.

It was not an invitation he accepted lightly. "I said I would only consider the invitation to become a director if I felt I could add value," Tom explained. "After talking through Brett's plans for the club, I am very pleased to be involved and will give the club my full support."

He added: "I have been impressed by the steps the club has taken at each stage of its growth to address the commercial realities of professional sport. Now The Champ seems to have settled down, there is the opportunity to take Coventry on to the next stage of its growth."

Managing director Brett Townsend said: "Tom shares our passion to build Coventry Rugby and understands the crucial

impact that support off the field can have on our playing performance. His commercial knowledge and contacts will be invaluable in helping us target the financial support professional sport needs both to survive and to grow."

Tom's commitment to the club already runs deep. Bromwich Hardy recently committed as main sponsors for the 2026-27 season, alongside principal sponsor Lodders and a strong group of Midlands businesses. Tom also sits as a trustee on the Coventry Rugby Community Foundation board and is a driving force behind its annual business luncheon, which raises significant funds each year for community initiatives across the city.

In April, he was named The Inspirational Individual – Businessperson of the Year at the Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce awards. He also chairs the trustees of The Get-a-Head Charitable Trust, while Bromwich Hardy supports local causes including Young People First and Warwick Relief in Need.

Tom has been part of the Coventry Rugby story for some time. We are thrilled that he will now help write the next chapter.

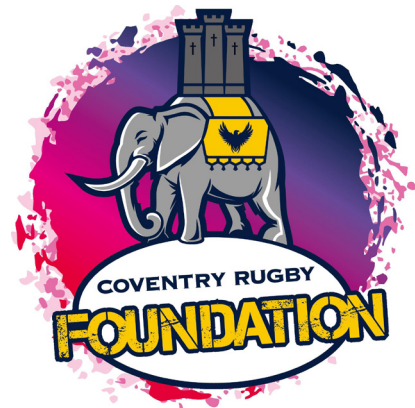


TOM BROMWICH (RIGHT) PICTURED NEXT TO MANAGING DIRECTOR BRETT TOWNSEND (LEFT) AT NICK NEWBOLD STADIUM



MEEET THE TEAM

COVENTRY RUGBY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



I'm delighted to have recently joined Coventry Rugby as Head of Community & Foundation.

I've worked in community rugby and sporting charities for many years, so I've seen first-hand what a club can mean beyond the pitch. Sport can bring people together, improve wellbeing and give people a real sense of connection to where they live.

There's already some brilliant work happening through Coventry Rugby Community and the Foundation, and I'm looking forward to us building on that. That means working closely with schools, community organisations, local partners, clubs and supporters, while making sure what we do has a real, lasting impact.

There's plenty of opportunity to grow what we offer across rugby and physical activity, education, health and wellbeing, inclusion, and simply helping more people feel part of their local club.

Just as importantly, we want to listen. We shouldn't assume we know what the community needs. We need to spend time with people, understand what matters to them and work out where Coventry Rugby can genuinely help.

I'm looking forward to getting out across the city, meeting people and hearing their ideas.

Ultimately, we want Coventry Rugby to be a club that feels connected to its community, and a community that feels connected to its club.

If you're already involved, thank you. If you're not, we'd love to hear from you.

SAM VERRALLS
Head of
Community &
Foundation





**BUSINESS
CLUB**

BUSINESS CLUB KICKS OFF THE 2026/27 SEASON AT ELLE'S COVENTRY

Coventry Rugby's Business Club got the 2026/27 season off to a fantastic start with its first event of the campaign, hosted at Elle's Coventry earlier this month.

The event brought together Business Club members for the first opportunity of the new season to reconnect, build new relationships and make valuable connections within Coventry's business community.

Members enjoyed an evening of networking alongside an update from Coventry Rugby's club leadership, who shared insight into the season ahead, the club's ambitions both on and off the pitch, and the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for Coventry Rugby and its growing commercial community.

With businesses from across the region represented, the evening provided a great platform for members to strengthen existing relationships while meeting fellow Business Club members and potential new partners.

The Coventry Rugby Business Club continues to provide an important link between the club and the local business community, creating opportunities for members to network, collaborate and play their part in the club's continued growth.

The Business Club is proudly sponsored by Ladders, whose support helps make the programme possible throughout the season.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at Elle's Coventry and helped make the opening Business Club event such a success. We look forward to welcoming members to the next event and continuing to build a strong and connected Coventry business community throughout the 2026/27 season.



Celebrating 20 Years: Genesis Employment celebrates 20 years with £35,000 raised



Coventry-based Genesis Employment Services celebrated its 20th anniversary in style with a special Gala Ball at Coombe Abbey, raising an incredible £35,000 for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice.

The evening brought together clients, colleagues, friends and supporters of Genesis to mark two decades in business while raising vital funds for a charity that holds a special place in the Coventry community.

Coventry Rugby proudly supported the evening by donating a signed Coventry Rugby shirt and signed rugby ball, which were included among the fundraising prizes on the night. The generous donation helped contribute towards the fantastic overall total raised for Zoe's Place.

Genesis Employment has been a long-standing supporter of sport and charitable causes across Coventry, and its relationship with Coventry Rugby is another important part of the company's commitment to the city it has called home for the past 20 years.

The Gala Ball proved to be a huge success, with the generosity of everyone who attended, donated prizes, sponsored the event and supported the fundraising helping Genesis reach the remarkable £35,000 total.

Genesis Employment would like to extend a special thank you to Coventry Rugby for their support and for the donation of the signed shirt and rugby ball, as well as to everyone who played a part in making the evening such a memorable occasion.

Twenty years in business is a milestone to celebrate, but being able to use that occasion to give something back to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and the wider Coventry community made the evening even more special.



ACADEMY REWIND



It was a busy summer for Coventry Rugby Academy, with age-grade fixtures taking players across England and Ireland. Matches against Leinster, Ealing Trailfinders and Amptill, alongside an U18s tour to Munster, showed the progress the Academy is making as the leading age-grade rugby pathway in the Midlands.

Across those fixtures, 140 players from the U17s, U18s and U23s pulled on the shirt, drawn from 43 local clubs. That reach is something we are proud of. Creating playing opportunities for players who might not otherwise get them sits at the heart of what the Academy is here to do.



COBY STANTON-FORD MAKING HIS 1ST XV DEBUT FOR COVENTRY RUGBY AGAINST ROTHERHAM TITANS

Coby Stanton-Ford is a standout example. After impressing in the U23s set-up, the Broadstreet RFC front-rower caught the eye of Alex Rae and the 1st Team management.

Coby was called up for the opening game of the Elinor Champ Rugby season against Rotherham Titans, coming off the bench in the second half and showing real composure and power in the loose and at the set-piece. That performance earned him another run-out against Cornish Pirates, and he is set to feature again when we face Nottingham in our third league fixture. Congratulations to Coby on making the most of his opportunity.

The year ahead promises plenty more, with a packed calendar of fixtures, trials and opportunities. The U18s face another demanding season, with games against RGC, Ealing Trailfinders, Hartpury and England Lambs among many others.

Fixture announcements will follow as they are confirmed. Academy games at the Nick Newbold Stadium have become one of the highlights of the region's rugby calendar. Entry is always free, and there is no better way to see the up-and-coming talent that makes Coventry Rugby so special.



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